ASHFORD CARBONELL PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on Monday 23rd September 2024 commencing 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Mr N Tilt (Chairman), Mr M Thomson, Mr J Webb, Mrs S Crowther

Clerk to the Council: Mr C E Williams

1. Apologies: Mr J Hawkins

2. Members of the Public:

Nil

3. Declarations of Interest:

Nil

4. To approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting dated the 23rd September 2024 and the 10th October 2024 were approved by the council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5 Chairman's Report:

The Clerk reported that the four yearly Parish and Town Council Elections will be held on the 1st May 2025.

6. Planning Items:

No Planning applications to consider

7. Highway/Amenity Items:

a) The Clerk reported that any highway issues in relation to potholes, ditches, verges etc should be reported on the Shropshire Council website <u>www.shropshire.gov.uk</u>.

b) A notification had been received from Kate Rose on behalf of the village hall committee about the national celebrations for the 80th anniversary of VE day on Thursday 8th May 2025. The Parish Council would consider a grant towards any planned celebrations by the village hall committee.

c) Through the Shropshire Green Spaces and Active Travel Fund there is a project that hopes to be able to provide a bench/es at a cost of £100 each to Parish / Town Councils, with the balance coming from the Fund. All benches would be sourced from local sustainable woodland and of an appropriate standard to last up to 30 to 40 years. Funds would need to be secured before 31^{st} March 2025, and we envisage that benches would be delivered in the spring / early summer of the same year.

The Parish Council agreed to take part in the project and express an interest in the supply of one bench. d) It was agreed that authority begiven to Mr M Thompson to purchase a replacement defibrillator at the Village Hall when required,

.8. Financial Items:

The Parish Council approved the following payments:

C E Williams – Disbursement - £625.

The Defib pad – Provision of new pads - $\pounds 61.38$

Royal British Legion – Wreath - $\pounds 20$

Hugo Fox – Website Annual Subscription - £287.86.

The Clerk reported that the Website address will shortly be changed to <u>www.ashfordcarbonellparishcouncil.gov.uk</u> to comply with new regulations.

The Parish Council will have balances of £35,589.83 after payment of the above accounts.

The Parish Council considered the Precept requirement for the financial year 2025/26 and agreed that the precept should be £10,000 an increase of 4% and would equate to approximately £2 a year increase on a band D Property.

Next Meetings:

Monday 17th March 2025 – Annual Public Meeting